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CIAO A.C. MILAN!

In many ways, Sunday's tie between AC Milan and an Australian XI will b e national coach Rudi Gutendorf's dress rehearsal for the England encounter on May 31 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.
The team to meet the Milanese will be built fully on Marconi and Heidelberg—and these two clubs are certain to provide the backbone of the Socceroos again on May 31 against the England team.

Tansey, Rooney, Cole, Jim Campbell, Prskalo, Henderson, Sharne and Krncevic are all prime candidates for the first Socceroo badges (see story below) and they will have to blend into a unit on Sunday when they meet the Italian stars in action.

Gutendorf shouldn't have too many problems filling the gaps in his Australian XI: Banovic or Maher in goal are both top choices, then you can have Russell, Bannon, Degney or Yzendoorn in defence, Byrne and Selemidis in midfield, Paton, Jankovics and the "outsider" Cummings (Essendon Croatia) in attack.

Milan come to Australia at the most troubled period of their history, beset by the alleged involvement of some of their officials and players in the infamous "Totonero" match-fixing scandal.

But this aristocratic Milanese club deserves a full VIP treatment from Australia; sympathy rather than derision.

Winners of the two major Euro-Cups and 1979 Italian champions, AC Milan has a distinguished history and record. (See page 3.)

They will be led by caretaker president *Gianni Rivera*, the greatest post-war Italian star, for many years himself a Milan hero.

Even without some of their stars — either suspended or in the national squad — AC Milan is a formidable opponent.

And in case some of our *aficionados* are apt to overlook it — Milan is not the first crack team to visit Australia in a depleted state.

The list of precedents is long, going back many years: Chelsea in 1965, Scotland in 1967 and then, among others, Manchester City, Celtic, Moscow Dynamo, Greece, Red Star Belgrade and many others also visited here without some of their "otherwise engaged" stars — and with less excuse than Milan.

So let's forget about the anti-Italian hysteria and hypocrisy — and let's enjoy the rare occasion of seeing one of Europe's top teams in action.

SOCCEROOS RECOGNISED

Our campaign of many years, often waged alone without support from other newspapers, is bearing fruit: the ASF will recognise our ex-internationals.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf said this week that as from the England match on May 31, all Socceroos will receive a special badge.

He said he would also press the ASF to issue free passes to ex-Socceroos for all future international matches.

"I agree that this is an absolute must," he said.

"It should have been done years ago. A country which doesn't honor its past has no future."

• *The outspoken Rudi — see Page 3.*

Canberra wizard Giampaolo.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

		AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
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2	(2) MARCONI	10	6	3	1	23	7	+16	15	5	3	2	—	17	3	8	5	3	1	1	6	4	7
3	(3) SYDNEY CITY	10	6	1	3	22	11	+11	13	5	3	1	1	14	6	7	5	3	—	2	8	5	6
4	(4) BRISBANE LIONS	10	6	1	3	17	13	+ 4	13	5	4	—	1	8	4	8	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
5	(5) SOUTH MELBOURNE	10	6	1	3	11	8	+ 3	13	5	3	1	1	5	3	7	5	3	—	2	6	5	6
6	(6) FOOTSCRAY	9	5	2	2	21	15	+ 6	12	4	4	—	—	13	5	8	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
7	(8) CANBERRA	9	5	—	4	18	11	+ 7	10	5	2	—	3	7	9	4	4	3	—	1	11	2	6
8	(7) NEWCASTLE	10	4	2	4	12	14	− 2	10	5	2	—	3	4	10	4	5	2	2	1	8	5	6
9	(9) ADELAIDE CITY	10	3	2	5	12	11	+ 1	8	5	2	2	1	5	2	6	5	1	—	4	7	9	2
10	(10) WEST ADELAIDE	10	1	1	6	13	24	−11	7	5	3	1	1	7	5	7	5	—	—	5	6	19	—
11	(11) LEICHHARDT	10	2	2	6	9	17	− 8	6	5	2	2	1	6	8	6	5	—	—	5	3	9	—
12	(14) BLACKTOWN	10	2	2	6	12	29	−17	6	5	2	1	2	9	10	5	5	—	1	4	3	19	1
13	(12) ST. GEORGE	10	2	1	7	13	28	−15	5	5	1	—	4	5	15	2	5	1	1	3	8	13	3
14	(13) BRISBANE CITY	10	1	2	7	5	16	−11	4	5	1	1	3	3	5	3	5	—	1	4	2	11	1

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

LIVERPOOL UTD. (6th div.), after two wins and a loss in their last three matches, played Mt. Pritchard at Childs Park last Sunday winning 3-2. Reserve grade also won 3-2. In addition, the Rapid Transport Company of Caringbah announced during the week through their manager, Robert Mason, that continued financial support had been granted by his company to Liverpool to help the club's progress in 1980. Tony Britton, United's coach, said he was most grateful for this assistance and support which would enable Liverpool to further develop its facilities at Childs Park and the needs of his players this year.

QUEENS PARK (2nd div.) gained a valuable point at Erskineville Oval last Sunday against the top of the League, Campbelltown City and in the process lifted the team spirit to its highest level. There was little difference between the two teams with both creating several opportunities but not capitalising on them. Following the example, which has been set over the last few weeks by Frank Fineran and Tommy Sweeney, the whole team ran for one another and if sheer guts and determination won then Queens Park would be top of the league.

NORTH RYDE (3rd div.) retained its position on top of the table by defeating Kingsford 4-3 in an entertaining game. From the onset, both teams seemed determined to play bright attacking soccer and goals were the order of the day. Goals for North Ryde came from Ian Western (2), Cole Jackson and Greg Spice. The best goal, however, was that of Greg Spice, left back for North Ryde. Greg scored from an indirect freekick, hammering the ball into the top right corner of the net, from 14 metres out Scorers for Kingsford were Andy Hopkins, Marcello Fergiso and Charlie Davidson.

CANLEY HEIGHTS (4th div.) played West Holroyd and were unlucky not to get two points in the 2-2 draw. The equaliser for West Holroyd came in the last second of the game. The first goal for Heights came from a goalmouth scramble and was scored by Peter Collins. In the second half Holroyd came back, equalising through Peter Scibbras. Then the midfielder and captain of Heights received the ball from a Ron Wheeler cross to score from close range to put the home side in the lead again until the dying seconds. Holroyd's equaliser was scored by Feros Buckh.

GUILDFORD COUNTY (2nd div.) played their sixth round game against Gladesville-Hornsby at Guildford Park last Sunday. Two minutes into the game, came a high ball that Parramatta would have been proud of although appearing to cause no trouble to Guildford's defence, Gladesville-Hornsby was there to take the opportunity and slotted home a good goal. Gladesville maintained the pressure and two minutes later they broke through midfield and slid the ball to their forward man with Guildford's goalkeeper, Garry Duggan making a point blank save. In the 16th minute, H. Walzl took the ball down the right sideline, split the defence, cut back into the goal mouth and slipped the ball under the 'keeper to equalise for Guildford 1-1. Fifteen minutes into the second half, Gladesville gave away a handball in the box for a penalty but Guildford's attempt brushed outside the post to leave the score still at 1-1. In the 75th minute M. Lambert took the ball to the bye-line and cut it back for Martyn Hoare to score. 2-1. Ten minutes later Gladesville came back but a great save by Guildford's 'keeper enabled Guildford to regain their lead of the competition with two valuable points. Second grade were too strong on the day with Malek Mugawish scoring four goals and the fifth by Ross Metcalfe for a 5-0 result. Third grade were lucky to gain a point with the 1-1 result against a fast, fit side. Both goals came in the first half with outstanding players for Guildford being Bobby Nicholson and John Langans.

PORT HACKING (3rd div.) gained their first point after five games when they defeated Wenty 0-3 at Centenary Park. The Port's game was very impressive and after coming close to a win so many times previously this win was a result well deserved. Colin Arnold the centre back opened the score and Greg Bradley notched in the second. The third goal scored by Tony Marden came as a result of a scramble in the goalmouth.

WEST ST. GEORGE 5th div.) played a very hard and physical game against Fairfield West last Sunday with their opposition having the better of the first half, being one up after 25 minutes when a shot hit the cross bar, rebounding for a close range first goal for Wests. The second half saw West St. George dominate, having numerous scoring chances but were only able to put one away when Steve King, taking on the much vaunted Fairfield West defence equalised midway through the half. David Southgate, Wests' goalkeeper had a very good game, making several good saves. Outstanding players for St. George were forward, Steve King, and midfielders Allen Piggott and Allen Scully.

DIVISION ONE

— By Charles Spiteri —

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The wet weather has again played havoc with the competition and only one game was played in first division after most council controlled grounds had been declared unplayable.

Although some teams were concerned about having had their game postponed, others welcomed the break which gives them a breathing space and time for their injured players to get back into the side.

In the only game played Bathurst beat a rejuvenated Warringah 3-1 to take the lead of the competition.

Warringah were playing their first game under their new coach Ziv Napta who took over during the week from Paul Ciancy.

Scott Beverley who returned to the club on loan from Manly put Warringah in the lead five minutes from half-time and led by this goal at the break.

But Bathurst came back strongly in the second half and striker Adrian Pickup levelled the score within a minute of the resumption with a penalty goal.

He gave Bathurst the lead soon after when he headed in a perfect cross from Steve Turner.

Greg Dwyer sealed the result with a scorcher from 30 metres out.

WARRINGAH v BATHURST 1-3

Warringah: Hersee, Collins, Potts, Carpenter, Van der Saag, Duncan, B. Beverley, Morris, Gordon (Eueers), S. Beverley, Fidra. **Coach:** Z. Napta.

Bathurst: Coles, Woodruff (Judge), Barlow, G. Hadley, Waine, A. Pickup (B. Dwyer), G. Pickup, G. Dwyer, Turner, P. Hadley, Lamberton. **Coach:** J. Judge.

Goals: S. Beverley; A. Pickup (2), G. Dwyer.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

WESTERN DIVISION

ROUND 12

Nepean	v	Western District	Saturday, B.O.D. No.2
Blacktown City	v	Melita	Saturday, Ashley Brown
Auburn	v	Polonia	Saturday, Mona
Blacktown United	v	Gladesville	Saturday, Epping
Blacktown Ass.	v	Marconi	Saturday, Marayong
Southern District	v	Baulkham Hills	Saturday, Ernie Smith

EASTERN DIVISION

ROUND 12

Sydney City	v	Sutherland	Saturday, Bates Drive
St. George	v	BYE	
Illawarra	v	Arncliffe Scot	Saturday, Balgownie
Central Coast	v	Bankstown	Saturday, Fagans Park
Sydney Olympic	v	Southern Eastern	Saturday, Pratten Park
Apia	v	Manly	Saturday, Cromer
Kuringai	v	Canterbury	Saturday, Parkland

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DIVISION 2

Gladesville Ravens v Yagoona, Sat., Peel Park; North Bankstown v Lane Cove, Sat., Potts Park; Gladesville Hornsby v Lethbridge Rangers, Sat., Epping; Queens Park E/S v Guildford County, Sun., Erskineville Oval; Baulkham Hills v Dee Why, Sat., Ted Horwood Res.; Campbelltown v Marrickville, Sat., Linwood Park.

DIVISION 3

Sydney Uni v North Ryde, Sat., St. John's; Artarmon v Liv. Albion, Sat., Artarmon Reserve; Bonnyrigg Eagles v Riverstone, Sun., Treland Bridge; Hurstville-Zagreb v Bondi Marines, Sat., Evatt Park; Kingsford v Wenty Waratahs, Sun., Turrumull Park; West Ryde Rovers v Port Hacking, Sun., L.H. Waud S/G.

DIVISION 4

Ryde District v Maroubra United, Sun., Hall Park; Chelsea v Eastwood S/A, Sat., Undecided; Eastern Creek v Padstow Park, Sun., Cawarra Park; Fairfield Kiev v West Holroyd G/C, Sun., Knight Park No. 4; Revesby Rovers v Canley Heights, Sun., Amour Park.

DIVISION 5

Macquarie Uni v Haberfield B/D's, Sun., Macquarie Uni. Oval; Camden v North Rocks, Sun., Ponderosa Park; Edensor Park v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., King Tomislav Park; Pagewood v Auburn Juniors, Sat., Jellicoe Park; Winston Hills v Fairfield West, Sun., Max Ruddock Reserve; Concordia v West St. George, Sat., Marrickville.

DIVISION 6

Hawkesbury Dist. v Moorebank, Sun., North Richmond Oval; Mt. Pritchard v Bankstown Sports, Sun., Parkes Reserve; Blacktown Wands. v Liverpool United, Sun., Grantham H/S; Chullora v Liverpool City, Sat., Soccer Centre; Glenquarie United v Green Valley Utd. Sun., Bensley Rd. S/Compl.; Liverpool Rangers v South Sydney Dist., Sun., Ireland Park.

SOCCEROO REUNION

A special reunion will be held for all members of the Australian touring parties which travelled in 1967 to Vietnam and in 1969 to South Korea, Mozambique and Israel.

The reunion will be held on the afternoon of the Australia v England match.

Those who can attend should ring John Warren for details on 311 409.

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MATCH POST-MORTEM

By Andrew Dettre

Valeri Just Loves Being In Canberra

He is one of Canberra's "Terrible Twins," forming perhaps the deadliest and certainly most exciting striking duo in Australian soccer. And yet, Walter Valeri, 25, gets a great deal less public exposure than his younger "brother," the polished, sophisticated Sebastian Giampaolo. Valeri is usually the executioner, the speedy goal-grabber of the team, a throw-back to the Brian Tristrams and Mike Dentons of yesteryear.

SW: Something about your background.

WV: I was born at Griffith, NSW and started to play there with the Yoogali club, later called Griffith United, before going to Canberra. Played with Canberra Juventus for five years, then with Monaro for three years and joined Canberra City this season.

SW: When people talk about Canberra, it's usually Giampaolo-Valeri or Valeri-Giampaolo. Are the two of you friends?

WV: We're very good friends. I really think Sebastian is the best striker in Australia. He's also the best playmaker you can find. I think he and Ken Boden are the two most skilful players we have in this country.

SW: Giampaolo gets a lot of limelight because of his elegant style — does it bother you?

WV: No, he deserves it all. I'm happy to play with him. If I get a goal he's just as happy. We really work for each other.

SW: Giampaolo is now in the national squad; do you feel you also have a chance?

WV: That's what I'm hoping for all the time, maybe they'll notice me one day. It's my big ambition to play for Australia.

SW: Did you expect a win over Sydney City?

WV: I think we should have won by more than two goals. We hit the crossbar twice and had some chances. We really expected a very hard game but I was a little disappointed with Sydney City. I thought maybe they played too many long balls into the middle and that suited us just fine.

SW: Canberra played some dazzling and fast one-touch stuff; is that what you are aiming at?

WV: That's what we are trying every time and gradually every week it's getting better. But sometimes it just wouldn't come off, like two weeks ago against South Melbourne.

SW: It's not often that Canberra gets two goals and neither Valeri nor Giampaolo can claim either.

WV: Vic Fernandez always tells us that he doesn't care who scores. Today, for example, when both Sebastian and I were well marked, some of the others in the team had more space for shots. That's how it should be.

SW: A third very talented striker in the Canberra team, Brennan, isn't sparkling yet; why?

WV: I don't think he's found his form yet, he needs a bit of confidence. Once he scores a goal he'll be hard to stop. He's a very aggressive player, he's always there harassing the defenders.

SW: Stark is on the transfer list; will this affect the team spirit?

WV: I don't think so; the spirit is very high, whether he's in or out. Ninety percent of the players give 100 percent all the time on the field.

SW: Monaro collected $40,000 for you and Giampaolo, after a lot of haggling; has this broken your friendship with the Monaro club?

WV: Not at all. As a matter of fact, I wanted to leave the year before but I had another year on my contract and I wanted to honor it.

SW: Neither of you were keen to come to Sydney?

WV: That's right. I'm married, have a five-week old baby and my house in Canberra and didn't want to make the move. Giampaolo is getting married in June and he's settled in Canberra, too, where he was born. So we weren't interested. The offers were good but we just love living in Canberra.

SW: You lose a lot of points in Canberra yet in Sydney you often put on a great show.

WV: Well, we lost 0-1 to Marconi and Heidelberg and they're top teams yet we could have got a point. When we're away from home, the chances seem to come more frequently. Perhaps at home the fans want results straight away and don't realise that we have seven new players in the team. But the crowd is starting to get behind us and I hope this will continue. We certainly want to give them a winning team; they deserve it.

Walter Valeri

NORWICH STAR FOR ADEL. CITY

Adelaide City are hoping to field English under-21 international Justin Fashanu in the local derby against West Adelaide on Sunday.

City have completed negotiations with Norwich City for the exciting 19-year-old to play six or seven matches for them as a guest.

Provided there are no travel hitches, Fashanu should arrive in Adelaide towards the end of the week.

He is expected to come from China where Norwich City has just completed a tour.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

Steve Doszpot, Canberra vice president: "This was our best display so far in 1980. Let's hope we can keep our form."

★ ★ ★

Canberra's Walter Valeri: "I feel we could have won by three or four goals, too, had we taken our chances.

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Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "Canberra ran us off our feet in the first half. Then, when we did have chances, we smashed everything into the goalie."

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Tony Henderson is likely to play for the full 90 minutes for the first time this week — on Wednesday night against Heidelberg.

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St. George have signed Ernie Campbell, 29, from Sydney City and may also sign Peter Stone from Leichhardt this week.

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Mark Trenter returned last weekend to the Sydney City told from Newcastle where he had been on loan as part of the Boden transfer deal.

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Both ex-coach Nereo Saftich and current caretaker coach Julius Vincze were in Sydney with Brisbane City last week.

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When Melbourne ref A. Beazleigh cautioned Kevin Mullen last week, everybody on the stand believed they saw a red card flashing instead of a yellow. Later the ref claimed that the "Victorian yellow" is more like orange. We saw red . . .

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Steve O'Connor of Sydney City on Sunday played his 100th first team match. After junior soccer in the Bankstown district he joined Hakoah in 1972 and has played his way up through the ranks and became a regular. He was a member of the N.S.W. Youth Team, Combined N.S.W. P.S.L. team, N.S.W. and Australia sides.

★ ★ ★

Alan Vest Newcastle United: "That was diabolical, a sheer diabolical piece of refereeing which resulted in Marconi's goal. I thought the Newcastle lads played some good stuff out there and certainly deserved at least a draw."

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "I am happy to get away with two points, the first we have taken from Newcastle at the Sports Centre. Marconi did not play well, mainly because the players tried to match Newcastle in their aggressive, hard running style. I took Gary Byrne off, not because he was playing badly but he is recovering from the effects of influenza and he is needed for the clash against Heidelberg on Wednesday night."

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In round 13, on June 1, only four matches will be played — none in Sydney and Brisbane.

In round 15, Melbourne won't have PSL games.

These are the changes, announced by the PSL:

Marconi-Fairfield v Heidelberg United, from May 18 to Wed., May 14, 7.30 pm., Marconi Stadium.
St. George v South Melbourne, from May 18 to same day, 1.oo pm., Sydney Cricket Ground.
Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions, from May 25 to Sun., June 29, 3.00 pm., Lions Stadium.
Marconi-Fairfield v West Adelaide, from June 1 to Sun., June 29, 3.00 pm., Marconi Stadium
St. George v Sydney City, from June 1 to Sun., June 29, 3.00 pm., Sydney Athletic Field.
Heidelberg United v South Melbourne, from June 15 to Sun., June 29, 3.00 pm., Olympic Park.
Marconi Fairfield v Sydney City, from June 15 to Wed., July 16, 7.30 pm., Marconi Stadium.
Footscray v Brisbane City, from June 15 to Sat., June 14, 3.00 pm., Middle Park.
Footscray v Canberra City, from Mar 15 to Sat., June 28, 3.00 pm., Olympic Park.

PRINCE IN 1981

Prince Andrew will officially open the World Youth Championships to be staged in Australia during October 1981.

The opening ceremony in which all the 16 participating nations will take part, will be staged in Melbourne.

The opening of the championships will be televised live throughout the world.

The Governor General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, has accepted the patronage and will also attend the opening ceremony.

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Marconi v Heidelberg	0-0	4-0	0-4
Newcastle v Brisbane Lions	—	2-2	2-2
St. George v South Melbourne	1-1	0-2	1-0
Adelaide City v West Adelaide	2-2	1-2	1-0
Footscray v Sydney City	2-2	1-1	1-0
Canberra v Blacktown	—	—	—

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Marconi	v	Heidelberg	Marconi Stadium	7.30

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Newcastle	v	Bris. Lions	Int. Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, MAY 18

St. George	v	South Melb.	Cricket Ground	1.00
Adelaide City	v	West Adel.	Olympic Sp. Fld.	2.30
Footscray	v	Sydney City	Olympic Park	3.00
Canberra City	v	Bl'town City	Bruce Stadium	3.00
Brisbane City	v	Leichhardt	Perry Park	3.00

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Heidelberg	v	Newcastle U.	Olympic Park	3pm
Sth. Melb.	v	Marc.-Fairfld.	Middle Park	3pm
West Adel.	v	St. George	Hindmarsh Stad.	2.30
Sydney City	v	Adelaide City	Syd. Ath. Fld.	3pm
Blktown City	v	Footscray	Gabbie Stadium	3pm
Leichhardt	v	Canberra C.	Lambert Park	3pm

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— By Andrew Dettre —

Fierce foes one day, partners in crime the next — that's the odd menu for Marconi and Heidelberg this week.

On Wednesday evening the two PSL leaders will stage their summit meeting at Fairfield which will have a vital bearing on the championship.

Then, on Sunday the two teams will combine to provide the entire Australian XI against Milan.

Wednesday's clash looms like a thriller good enough to entice fans from all over Sydney to hop into their car and head towards Marconi Oval.

Tony Henderson's return and the signing of Jim Muir provide immense extra strength to Marconi.

But Heidelberg may still start favourites: they are a superbly cohesive unit, playing in peak form.

The cream of Australian soccer will be on view and the final result could be decided by luck.

We tip a draw, 2-2.

On Saturday, Newcastle will be at home to Brisbane Lions which are gradually mauling their way towards the top.

The Novocastrians are perhaps the faster and more aggressive of the two but sometimes they find goals hard to come by.

Lions have learned the art of winning close encounters and have so far managed two valuable away wins.

Still, we feel the hosts are entitled to a slight favoritism;

We tip Newcastle 1-0.

On Sunday, St. George will meet South Melbourne as the curtain-raiser to the AC Milan match.

With Ernie Campbell and perhaps even Peter Stone ready to join the Saints, the struggling team is likely to get a new backbone.

South Melbourne are having a fantastic run but, as Footscray proved recently, they can be handled.

We tip St. George 2-1.

The local derby in Adelaide is certain to mobilise all fans of the city.

Both Adcity and Westad are having a surprisingly bad season and this will provide the chance for both of them to pacify their increasingly unhappy supporters.

Adcity may have the edge in overall skills plus the home ground advantage, perhaps enough for the points.

Our tip: Adelaide City 3-1.

Footscray's remarkable 1980 recovery continues and this time they'll come up against the classy Sydney City in what will certainly be a spectacular clash.

Both teams play thoughtful, precision football, rejecting all traces of a mad kick-and-rush.

However, Sydney City are definitely in a temporary slump, having lost their last two games without even scoring.

Perhaps Eddie Thomson and Mark Trenter will add a bit of bite to the team.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

Canberra will try to repeat their fine display of last week against Blacktown City — and will be hard to stop.

There isn't a weak spot in the team with most of the new signings now having blended in perfectly.

Blacktown are rapidly losing their PSL complex and it must be a lift to their morale that they are climbing up the ladder.

Still, against the smooth, very efficient and even spectacular Canberra, they have only an outside chance.

Our tip: Canberra 3-1.

Sydney City goalie Todd Clarke dives in vain to stop this blockbuster from Canberra's John O'Shea last Sunday. Canberra put on a virile, exciting and often spectacular show to beat their more fancied opponents and, not for the first time this year, to win the admiration of Sydney fans with their modern brand of soccer as preached by coach Vic Fernandez.

PSL 1980 SCOREBOARD

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	W.Adelaide	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	S.Melbourne	Blacktown
Marconi	★			4-0					2-1	2-2	0-0			9-0
Heidelberg		★		3-1			4-2			3-2	4-2			5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★				7-0	4-2				0-2		
Brisbane City			1-0	★		1-2				1-1	0-1		0-1	
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★				0-0	4-1				
Newcastle	0-1		0-3		3-1	★		1-0				0-4		
W.Adelaide				1-0		1-1	★			0-2				4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5			2-1		2-0	★						0-0
Brisb.Lions			2-0				2-1	2-1	★				1-2	1-0
Footscray						2-1			3-1	★	5-3		3-0	
St.George					1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3		★	1-5		
Canberra	0-1	0-1			1-0		4-3		2-4			★		
S.Melbourne		0-0	1-2		2-1			1-0				1-0	★	
Blacktown			1-3	3-1		1-1					4-2		0-3	★

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	14
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	8
BARNES (Syd. City)	7
BODEN (Sydney City)	6
DUARTE (St. George)	6
GIAMPAOLO (Canberra)	5
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	5
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel. City)	5
PATON (Heidelberg)	5
VALERI (Canberra)	5
VASIC (Footscray)	5
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	4
SHARNE (Marconi)	4

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Italy's famous "diavoli rossi" (red devils), AC Milan represent class even in their present depleted condition on their Australian tour.

Champions in 1978-1979 for the 10th time, they have four players in the national squad at present: Maldini, Collovati, Buriani and Baresi, who couldn't come to Australia.

Enrico Albertosi, Giorgio Morini and Stefano Chiodi are suspended, involved in the pools scandal court case.

The club — Associazone Calcio Milan — was founded in 1899 by an Englishman, Alfred Edwards who christened it Milan Cricket and Football Club.

The foundation members included six Britons and five upper-class Italians; one was the tyre magnate Piero Pirelli, who was the club's generous president for years.

By 1901, Milan won the Italian title, breaking the early monopoly of Genoa; further titles followed in 1906 and 1907.

Then, in 1908, came the first crisis: some club members broke away and formed Inter-Milan, giving birth to one of the greatest soccer rivalries in a European city.

Many lean years followed: the club had to wait until 1951 to win its next Italian championship title.

During the war in 1938 the Fascist government forced the club to change its name to the more Italian "Milano", just as neighbouring Inter Milan had to change to Ambrosiana.

The present club name was adopted in 1945 and three years later, the club's fortunes began to change.

In 1948, after the London Olympics, AC Milan signed Sweden's inside trio of Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Nordahl and Nils Liedholm who, collectively, won fame as the club's "Grenoli."

By 1951 Milan won the title with a team which also included the great goalie Lorenzo Buffon.

Consistent high placings followed and in 1955 came another title win, then in 1957 yet another.

By 1954 Gren was gone — but his place was taken by the brilliant Uruguayan Juan Schiaffino.

The 1957 team was rebuilt: Nordahl was gone, too, leaving only Liedholm of the Swedish aces — but now there was the fullback Maldini, the young striker Bean and Galli and still the incomparable Schiaffino.

In 1959, Milan won yet another title, by three points from Fiorentina: the veteran Buffon and Liedholm were now joined by a young Brazilian of great class Jose Altafini.

The successful period wasn't over yet: in 1961-62 Milan won the title by five points from Inter and it was here that the greatest post-war star was born: Gianni Rivera.

He was to stay with AC Milan without interruption as a player until 1979; in 1978 he was elected vice president of the club and allowed to become a majority shareholder, too.

Rivera, born in 1943, has played 60 times for Italy and has become a living legend in the city of Milan.

But the 1961-62 side also had other stars: goali Giorgio Ghezzi, powerful midfielder Giovanni Trapattoni, Luigi Radice, another international midfielder, Altafini, another Brazilian ace, Dino Sani, striker Paolo Barison, the Uruguay World Cup winger Ghiggia — and finally the English ace, Jimmy Greaves.

In 1963 the team won the European Champions' Cup, beating Benfica 2-1 at Wembley.

A few years later one of the toughest disciplinarians of Italian soccer, Nereo Rocco took over as manager and forged more success.

He acquired the blond German fullback Karl-Heinz Schnellinger to bolster his defence — and of the 30 matches Milan lost only two.

The team again bristled with talent: defenders Rosaro, Malatrasi, Trapattoni and midfield genius Rivera were supplemented by the brilliant Swedish winger Knut Hamrin, the Brazilian striker Sormani, the Italian international Mora and the Argentinian Angelillo.

No wonder that in 1968 Milan won the European Cupwinners' Cup, beating Hamburg 2-0 in the Rotterdam final, with Hamrin getting both goals.

With this, Milan became the first Italian club to win both major European titles.

In 1969, they won the Champions' Cup again, this time beating Ajax of Amsterdam 4-1 with Prati getting a hat-trick and Sormani getting the fourth.

Ajax, by the way, included many who were soon to become world stars: Suurbier, Hulshoff, Pronk, Swart, Keizer — and Cruyff . . .

The Cupwinners' Cup was annexed for a second time, too, in 1973, when they beat Leeds 1-0 in Saloniki with a third minute goal by Chiarugi.

By now, AC Milan had in their ranks one of the toughest midfielders of all-time, Romeo Benetti.

AC Milan shares its home ground with Inter Milan, the famous San Siro, only recently renamed the "Giuseppe Meazza Stadium", in honour of the recently died all-time pre-war star.

Until last year, the team's coach was the same Nils Liedholm who had starred for them in the 1950s and then settled in Italy.

Now the coach is Massimo Giacomini, 41, who may be required in Rome as a witness in the Pools scandal case.

Players to tour with AC Milan:

Roberto **ANTONELLI**, 26, striker; Aldo **BET**, 31, stopper; Albertino **BIGON**, 32, midfielder; Francesco **NAVAZZOTTI**, 25, goalie; Antonio **RIGAMONTI**, 31, goalie; Gianni **RIVERA**, 36, midfielder; Gabriello **CAROTTI**, 19, striker; Fabio **CAPELLO**, 35, midfielder; Alberto **MINOIA**, 20, midfielder; Walter **DE VECCHI**, defender; Francesco **ROMANO**, stopper; Roberto **MANDRESSI**, striker; Walter **NOVELLINO**, 26, striker.

The guest players will be:

Paolo **BERUATTO**, 23, defender (Avellino); Enzo **ROMANO**, 24, defender (Avellino); Leonardo **MENICHINI**, 27, defender (Catanzaro); Enrico **NICOLINI**, 25, midfielder (Catanzaro); Claudio **RANIERI**, 29, defender (Catanzaro), Neiro **ULIVIERI**, 32, striker (Udinese), Manlio **ZANINI**, 26, midfielder (Cantanzaro).

AC Milan after winning the 1979 Italian title—their 10th.

RUDI DEFENDS PRESS RIGHTS

Rudi Gutendorf claims the Press must go on and criticise officialdom without fear of being labelled as "Knockers."

"Never mind what they think of your criticism: it's your duty not to allow problems being swept under the carpet," he said last week at a special gathering of journalists.

"I won't shut up, either. Part of my contract is that I am not to criticise the ASF or any other organisation.

"But I'm not afraid to say my piece: I'd rather go home tomorrow."

Gutendorf, for ever the outspoken missionary, said he would never be part of any plan to deceive the public.

"I was chastised for being honest before the Czechoslovakia matches and admitting that we weren't well prepared, that the Socceroos weren't looking better than ever,' he said.

"But that was true. I won't say now that on Sunday Australia will play Milan because it's not Australia, only Marconi and Heidelberg.

"We must stop cheating the public, ethnics and Aussies.

"I have had a lot of tussles with Sir Arthur George. I told him we shouldn't play Vardar in January and then Czechoslovakia; that's not the way to promote the game in Australia, with unfit teams."

Gutendorf said he was fast learning the art of compromise when dealing with the vested interests of the various soccer bodies in Australia.

"If I can't take a step, I take a half step," he said.

"There is tension between the ASF, the PSL and the various States, but that's natural, it's the same in Europe.

"The States cannot be interested in the welfare of the PSL teams yet we must respect State interests, too.

"I suffer from this collision of interests but I can't accept that the national team becomes the subject of internal political feuds."

Gutendorf said he would recommend that in December there be a complete rest from Soccer.

"We plan to start our preparations on January 1 and the PSL will also begin in the first week of February, because of our 1981 World Cup schedules.

"All I want from the Press is not silence but support of the national team.

"I want to do everything possible to get Australia to the 1982 World Cup finals.

"We'll see if we can achieve this a bit easier by making the Socceroos fulltime professionals.

"I'd like to adopt the motto of the SAS (British commando unit recently involved in the London siege — Editor.), 'He Who Dares, Wins.'

"That's the spirit I want to transplant into my players, too."

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NEWCASTLE 0 (0)
MARCONI 1 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Lindsay (40m).

NEWCASTLE: Preston 4, Reaney 4, Drinkwater 4, Bertogna 4, Curran 4, Cowburn 4, Mason 4, Tredinnick 4, Heys 3, Deakin 3, Jones 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

MARCONI: Maher 6, Muir 5, Prskalo 4, Russell 3, Degney 3, Byrne 4 (Henderson 70m), Lindsay 3, Raskopoulos 4, Krncevic 3, Jankovics 4, Sharne 3 (Mariani 65m); **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: D. Miles (Queensland); **crowd:** 8,547; **cautions:** Russell, Degney.

In keeping with the vagaries of the soccer code, Newcastle United produced some of their most creative work of the season, yet went down by the only goal to champions Marconi.

It was unfortunate that the solitary goal was surrounded in controversy with referee Des Miles from Brisbane the prime object of criticism from Newcastle players, officials and supporters.

In the 40th minute he ignored (or failed to see) his linesman waving offside when Marconi were on the attack.

From the movement Marconi forced a corner kick — again in questionable circumstances with the linesman signalling a goalkick and referee Miles awarding a corner kick.

It was from this corner that Ken Lindsay gathered a loose ball after Curran had cleared on the goalline to steer his effort into the net.

Apart from this unfortunate decision, the game was chockful of incisive soccer mainly from a well knit Newcastle combination.

Young midfielders Brett Cowburn and Peter Tredinnick, and also Craig Mason worked tirelessly and exposed surprising weaknesses in the Marconi lineup.

In the opening half Newcastle forced 10 corner kicks to emphasise their overall domination of the game but decisive finishing was lacking and in addition Allan Maher must have given Australian coach Rudi Guttendorf some food for thought with a flawless exhibition in goal.

Newcomer Jim Muir from Adelaide City will be a big asset to the Marconi defence where his ruggedness and tight covering tactics will seal an obvious gap.

Marconi's much vaunted front runners Sharne, Jankovics and Krncevic failed to make much impression on a teak-tough Newcastle defence which now looks settled after season lapses

New- many n their o of red

— Allan Crisp

2

WEST ADELAIDE 0
FOOTSCRAY 2 (0)

Goals: 0-1 Vasic (57m), 0-2 Hazabent (75m).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, McGregor 4, Bozanic 4, Topaz 4, Maricic 4, Manecas 4, Honeyman 4, Carruthers 4, Key 3 (Lorenzoni 64m), Kosmina 3, Norris 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 5, Hazabent 4, Petrov 4, O'Reilly 4, Rujevic 4, Jovanovic 4, Vasic 4, Ilioski 4, **Picioane 5,** Ollerton 4, Lujic 4. **Coach:** R. Ille.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA); **crowd:** 3,400; **cautions:** Carruthers, Petrov, Jovanovic.

"Fancy" Footscray — that previously brilliant yet ineffective ball-playing side — have become "Furious" Footscray.

The clever skills are still apparent, but now coach Rocco Ille has supplemented aggression and a very real sense of urgency.

Footscray's new zeal proved too much for Westad who failed in the second half to fulfil the promise shown during an enterprising first term.

For the first 30 minutes Westad appeared more than capable of protecting their cherished unbeaten home game record.

A couple of early runs by Joe Picioane provided the only hint that Footscray could become a potential threat, while Chris Key, Ian McGregor, Graham Honeyman and Graham Norris all had scoring chances for West in the first 24 minutes.

But Martyn Crook saved Westad when he blocked a close-range attempt from Zoran Ilioski after Picioane and Zdravko Lujic had cleverly worked the ball into the box.

Ilioski and Lujic became the terrible twins as with two minutes left to half time, they twice raided the Westad goal only to have fullback Vic Bozanic clear both attempts off the goalline.

Dragan Vasic grabbed the lead for Footscray in the 12th minute of the second half when he ripped into the penalty area to smack a rising drive into the net.

Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland prevented a Westad equaliser five minutes after Vasic's goal when he brilliantly tipped a dipping header from Manecas over this crossbar.

Full-back Igor Hazabent applied the knock-out punch 15 minutes from the final whistle as he completed an overlap on the right flank by slapping home an angled drive which cannoned off Bozanic.

Westad manager Gerry Chaldi made the only substitution of the match mid-way through the second half when he replaced Key with Aldo orenzoni, but West's at- remained shackled e competent Foot- efence.

— Allan Crisp

3

HEIDELBERG 4 (1)
ST. GEORGE 2 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Duarte (12m), 1-1 Campbell (22m), 2-1 Cole (65m), 3-1 Bozikas (75m), 4-1 Cole (76m), 4-2 Duarte (82m).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, McMillan 3, Tansey 4, **Yzendoorn 6,** P. Bannon 3, Rooney 4, Selemidis 3, Campbell 4, Paton 3, Cole 4, Bozikas 4. **Coaches:** Bannon, Rooney.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 4, McIntosh 4, Terry 3, Yamine 3, Utjesenovic 4, Gnavi 3, Griffiths 3, **Duarte 5,** Mihajlovic 3, Katholos 4, Cotton 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic); **crowd:** 4,331; **cautions:** Gnavi, Campbell, McIntosh, Yamine.

It was a sticky Heidelberg side in the early stages, with St. George looking a much improved team on this visit to Melbourne.

Utjesenovic was the key with many passes forward putting pressure on the Heidelberg defence through Duarte and Katholos.

Campbell broke through after five minutes with a raking shot which crossed the bar.

Duarte may have been fortunate when McMillan slipped enabling him to take advantage with a neat goal in the 12th minute.

Heidelberg started many moves but the prepenalty wall looked impregnable until Campbell worked his way into a shooting position after 22 minutes and deceived Fraser with a deflected shot.

The midfield activity gave St. George the edge at this period, with Yzendoorn the "man of the match" in everything that Heidelberg were in.

The second half opened better for Heidelberg, with Tansey ensuring a stronger liaison up front, to give Cole his first real shot of the game in the 58th minute.

Four minutes later Cole was at it again, this time from the good work of McMillan and Yzendoorn.

Not to be denied Cole put United in the lead for the first time with a cracker of a shot, giving Fraser no earthly chance.

Heidelberg's attack was now at its peak and St. George's defence sorely tried on several occasions.

Bozikas tore in from the left after 75 minutes to put the issue beyond doubt, and the ball had hardly been spotted when Cole went on the rampage to score the fourth goal.

St. George had played so well, that a three goal margin seemed too much of a difference, when the ever-improving Duarte wended his way through the Heidelberg defenders to reduce the leeway.

Heidelberg seem to have regained some of their confidence since the Adelaide City defeat, and should be in form for the Marconi clash on Wednesday evening.

— Jock Stephen

4

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (0)
LEICHHARDT 1 (0)

Goals: 0-1 McAusland, (46m), 1-1 Millman (67m), 1-2 Spearritt (73m).

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 3, Ontong 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Hogg 3, Spearritt 4 (Ogden 78m), Lindsay 3, Verweij 2 (Lawrie 66m), Millman 4, McGregor 3. **Coach:** M. Carson.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 4, McGinn 3, Wilson 3, Dempsey 4, Pullen 3, Butler 3 (McKie 61m), McAusland 3, Harding 3, Morsello 3, Pirie 3, O'Connor 4. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

Referee: J. Reeves (N. NSW); **crowd:** 2836; **caution:** Ontong.

For 45 minutes this game came close to earning the "mediocre" tag.

Lions could not get going against a Leichhardt team that, although it pushed the ball around in a thoughtful and constructive manner, seldom looked like scoring.

Only two incidents were worthy of note, the first when Lindsay broke through only to "chip" Woodhouse AND the empty goal, the second when Verivey unleashed a thundering left foot drive that Woodhouse did well to turn around the post.

The Sydney lads got off to a flyer at the start of the second period when their best player, O'Connor, was allowed to cross a ball from the left, to McAusland, who wasted no time in netting.

Lions continued to plod on in a most unconvincing manner and got a break when Dempsey, who had been getting the better of a "no quarter asked" duel with Millman, made a mess of a pass-back.

Millman darted on to the dead ball and slotted it under the diving Woodhouse.

Whether it was this goal, or the fact that coach Carson replaced a struggling Verweij with Lawrie, is pure conjecture, but suddenly Lions sparked and went looking for a winner.

Lawrie crashed in a low drive that Woodhouse did well to grab but the youngster could do nothing when Hogg sent Millman away and the centre rocketed a venomous drive against the post.

The ball broke straight to Spearritt who knocked in the winner.

Leichhardt were stung into action and substitute McKie could have equalised but his shot was punched up and over by Scanlan.

That was really the end, for the dying minutes saw a tiring Dempsey and Wilson pressured into some inelegant fouls by the revitalised Millman, Hogg, and substitute Lawrie.

— Jim Binnie

5

SYDNEY CITY 0
CANBERRA 2 (1)

Goals: 0-1 J. O'Shea (21m) 0-2 Byrne (56m).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 4, O'Connor 3, Spanos 3, Bruce 3, Stevenson 4, Barnes 3, Watson 4, A. Silva (M. Silva 13m., then Souness 46m.), Smith 3, Boden 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

CANBERRA: Wilson 5, Moulis 4, **R. O'Shea 5,** Milovanovic 4, Williams 4, J. O'Shea 4, Cole 4, Byrne 3 (Farrell 70m), McLaren 4 (Brennan 58m), **Giampaolo 5,** Valeri 4. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

Referee: A. Beazleigh (Vic.); **crowd:** 3100; **caution:** Mullen.

Those who tended to believe that Canberra was merely the brilliant Valeri-Giampaolo duo received a stunning denial last Sunday at the Athletic Field.

There they could see an amazingly cohesive unit in action, mounting the fastest attacks seen in PSL soccer this season, backed by a committed, intelligent defence and midfield.

Right from the start Canberra seized the initiative, exploding into exciting action and after half an hour they could have been 3-0 up.

MacLaren's superb shot smacked against the crossbar in the 16th minute before, in the 21st, John O'Shea's thundering left foot volley streaked into the upper right corner from some 20 metres.

In the 33rd minute Valeri dashed in from the right wing towards the middle and blasted a great left foot drive — but the crossbar was once again in the way.

Sydney City tried to stem the tide with a series of "tactical fouls," especially on the lethal Valeri and Giampaolo and it was only through the generosity of the referee that Mullen became the only player cautioned — and even him for dissent.

After halftime Canberra took a breather — and Sydney City, pushing the super-defensive Barnes forward, began to come into the game.

But their attacks remained ponderous, built on innumerable side-passes, almost always allowing the defenders time and space to intercept.

In the 56th minute it was all over. Giampaolo's long cross found Valeri whose volley laid on a perfect ball for Byrne in the middle to slot home No.2.

A few minutes later Boden hit the post and once or twice Wilson had to block dangerous shots — but, as deliriously happy Canberra fans began to sing on the stand, the knickers were beaten off the Slickers.

Although seemingly content with the 2-0 lead, Canberra still launched some rapid contra-attacks and several of them could have increased the score.

— Andrew Dettre

6

BLACKTOWN 3 (2)
BRISBANE CITY 1 (0)

Goals: 1-0 Wilkinson (4m), 2-0 Hormazabal (38m), 3-0 O'Donnell (57m), 3-1 Palinkas (74m).

BLACKTOWN: Freeman 4, Pointer 4, Cuk 4 (Rasmussen 79m), Stowell 4, Turnbull 4, Hormazabal 4, **O'Donnell 5,** Selvage 4, Hunter 4, Izatt 4, Wilkinson 4. **Coach:** M. Jones.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 3, Wilkinson 3, Potter 3, Ratcliffe 3, Perry 4, Pimblett 4, Gaffney 4, Lowe (Palinkas 35m, 3), McCluskey 3 (Cadwell 61m), Kelso 3, Hamilton 3. **Coach:** M. Carson.

Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 2500.

Both Blacktown and Brisbane City went into the match knowing full well how important it would be for both clubs to win.

It was the home side, however, which settled down first and within four minutes Warren Turnbull advanced down the left and sent a measured cross to the far post where Paul Wilkinson timed his run to perfection and sent home a crashing header.

Brisbane City took the game to their opponents, largely through the efforts of Frank Pimblett and Larry Gaffney and in the 25th minute they came close to drawing level when Barry Kelso got in a fine header only to see Freeman save.

With the game moving from end to end, Blacktown's midfielder Brian O'Donnell pushed a ball to Hormazabal.

He checked inside and slotted home a 22-metre drive which gave Martin Coe no chance.

The second half saw Brisbane come out very determined to peg the home side back. First Dave Ratcliffe, then Gaffney, then Ratcliffe again, found themselves in scoring positions only to be frustrated by poor finishing.

In the 57th minute Blacktown made the game theirs with one of the most delightful goals you could wish to see.

Freeman spread the ball wide to Turnbull who carried the ball forward. Hunter carried on and slipped the ball inside to O'Donnell who played an excellent wall-pass with Izatt before receiving the ball back and slamming a left foot drive into the roof of the net.

The Queenslanders finally broke through themselves when Joe Palinkas scored after a good break launched by Steve Perry.

It was hard to fault Blacktown's performance, with Pointer and Stowell majestic in defence, and new boys Selvage and O'Donnell flawless in midfield.

For Brisbane it was the worst possible result.

They had to win here against their fellow strugglers, yet failed to capitalise on numerous chances.

— Mike Renwick

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STH. MELB. 2 (1)
ADELAIDE CITY 1 (0)

Goals: 1-0 Xanthopoulos (18m), 1-1 Rogers (50m., o.g.), Buljevic (56m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, V. Bannon 4, **Xanthopoulos 5, Lutton 5,** Davidson 4, **Rogers 5,** Christopoulos 4, **Campbell 5,** Buljevic 4, Evans 4 (Kakantonis 54m), Cummings 4. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Dodds 4, **Jones 5, Perin 5,** B. Nyskohus 4, **Russell 5,** Muniz 4, Marocchi 4, Melta 4, Mitchell 4 (Signore 61m), J. Nyskohus 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: Tony Boskovic (NSW); **crowd:** 4500; **cautions:** V. Bannon, Rogers, Xanthopoulos.

South Melbourne booked their players into a hotel the night before the match to ensure they do not stay up to watch the FA Cup Final.

But the plan to give the players an early night so they'd be fresh for the match backfired because South unknowingly took rooms on the floor below a disco dance.

The noise from the music and the stomping of feet which did not finish till 1 am kept most of the players awake.

Adelaide City had no such restrictions but their players missed *most of the final anyway.*

Their flight from South Australia was diverted to Sydney because of fog and they did not touch down at Tullamarine till around midnight.

City adopted a very defensive approach from the kick off marking man to man and it took South 17 minutes to test Peter Marshall in goal.

The shot came direct from a George Campbell free kick from 35 yards which the keeper did well to turn round the post.

The home side hit the front from the resultant corner kick.

Marshall, under pressure from Rogers, dropped the ball and Arthur Xanthopoulos poked the loose ball home from close range in the melee that followed.

Adelaide equalised five minutes after the break by courtesy of an incredible own goal by Billy Rogers.

The midfielder, who had an otherwise good game, turned and backpassed blindly in the direction of the goalmouth without noticing the 'keeper had come wide of the goals for the pass.

Laumets made a frantic dash to get the ball but it was all in vain as he watched it trickle agonisingly over the line.

But the City revival lasted only 10 minutes for South restored the lead with the best goal of the match.

Campbell exchanged passes with Buljevic, sped down the left wing, crossed from the byeline for Kakantonis to head down just out of Marshall's reach for Buljevic, coming in on the run, to hammer home on the volley.

— Peter Desira

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NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
pic	7	1	1	21	7	15
a	7	1	1	16	4	15
irn	5	1	2	16	12	11
erbury	5	1	3	13	10	11
a	5	1	3	12	9	11
erland	3	3	2	7	6	9
ıtia	3	2	4	16	11	8
cliffe	3	2	3	17	13	8
ingal	2	2	4	11	13	6
ikstown	3	—	5	12	16	6
rramatta	2	2	5	9	22	6
Monaro	1	3	3	4	8	5
Nth. Sydney	2	1	5	9	18	5
Manly	—	2	7	5	16	2

GRADE 2

Canterbury	7	2	—	17	4	16
Olympic	5	2	2	17	6	12
Kuringai	5	2	1	17	7	12
Croatia	4	3	1	12	4	11
Sutherland	3	5	—	13	6	11
Avala	3	3	3	14	11	9
Auburn	3	1	4	5	7	7
Melita	2	3	3	13	16	7
Bankstown	3	1	4	8	19	7
Arncliffe	2	1	4	9	11	5
Manly	2	2	5	4	10	5
Nth. Sydney	2	1	5	6	16	5
Monaro	1	1	5	7	15	3
Perramatta	1	1	6	6	15	3

GRADE 3

Auburn	8	2	—	22	4	14
Sutherland	6	1	—	18	2	13
Kuringai	4	4	—	22	9	12
Olympic	4	3	2	11	6	11
Bankstown	3	3	1	11	7	9
Melita	3	3	1	10	12	9
Canterbury	3	2	3	12	8	8
Manly	3	2	3	10	12	8
Arncliffe	1	4	2	10	13	6
Parramatta	1	3	3	7	17	5
Croatia	1	2	4	12	20	4
Nth. Sydney	—	1	7	5	21	1
Avala	—	1	6	8	31	1

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Bathurst	6	3	2	21	12	15
Black. City	5	3	—	14	4	13
Uni. NSW	5	2	2	19	9	12
Polonia	5	1	3	27	17	11
St. George	5	1	2	21	11	11
Revesby	4	3	3	16	18	11
Leichhardt	4	2	1	19	9	10
Marconi	4	2	2	16	12	10
Sydney City	3	2	3	20	10	8
Wollongong	3	2	2	13	10	8
Black. Utd.	3	1	5	9	12	7
Penrith	2	1	6	12	24	5
Belmore	1	2	5	9	22	4
Yugal	—	3	5	7	22	3
Warringah	—	—	9	3	30	—

GRADE 2

St. George	7	2	—	28	6	16
Sydney City	6	1	1	23	5	13
Revesby	5	3	2	22	11	13
Black. City	5	2	1	16	9	12
Wollongong	5	1	2	23	12	11
Warringah	4	2	3	12	14	10
Black. Utd.	4	1	3	8	5	9
Uni. NSW	4	1	5	8	18	9
Leichhardt	3	2	2	13	7	8
Penrith	3	1	5	6	14	7
Polonia	2	3	3	11	16	7
Bathurst	2	2	7	9	17	6
Marconi	2	1	5	8	11	5
Belmore	1	—	7	5	24	2
Yugal	1	—	6	5	26	2

GRADE 3

St. George	7	1	1	57	7	15
Sydney City	6	2	—	26	9	14
Belmore	6	1	1	17	6	13
Black. City	5	2	1	23	9	12
Marconi	5	2	2	26	11	11
Leichhardt	4	2	1	13	4	10
Penrith	4	2	3	17	16	10
Polonia	4	1	3	18	12	9
Revesby	3	3	4	20	18	9
Black. Utd.	3	2	3	10	16	8
Uni. NSW	3	1	6	14	33	7
Wollongong	2	—	5	13	16	4
Warringah	2	—	6	10	16	4
Yugal	—	2	7	8	47	2
Bathurst	—	—	11	2	50	—

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	5	—	1	17	6	10
Campbelltown	4	2	—	10	4	10
Gl. Ravens	2	3	—	9	3	7
Yagoona	3	1	1	6	3	7
Nth. Bankstown	2	2	1	14	6	6
Gl. Hornsby	2	1	3	8	11	5
Dee Why	2	1	3	3	8	5
Queens Park	2	1	3	2	11	5
Lane Cove	1	2	2	5	6	4
Lethbridge	1	1	3	10	7	3
Baulkham Hills	1	1	3	7	12	3
Marrickville	—	1	5	2	16	1

GRADE 2

Campbelltown	4	2	—	14	5	10
Guildford	3	2	1	25	5	8
Baulkham Hills	3	2	—	14	7	8
Gl. Ravens	3	2	—	10	3	8
Lethbridge	3	1	1	11	8	7
Gl. Hornsby	2	2	2	6	10	6
Lane Cove	2	—	3	9	12	4
Dee Why	1	2	3	9	13	4
Yagoona	1	1	3	11	14	3
Nth Bankstown	1	1	3	4	9	3
Queens Park	1	—	5	4	17	2
Marrickville	1	1	4	7	24	1

GRADE 3

Campbelltown	5	—	1	18	7	10
Marrickville	5	—	1	15	6	10
Gl. Ravens	4	—	1	23	6	8
Guildford	3	2	1	9	8	8
Gl. Hornsby	3	1	2	12	9	7
Nth Bankstown	3	—	2	17	4	6
Lane Cove	1	1	3	4	15	5
Baulkham Hills	1	2	2	11	7	4
Yagoona	1	2	2	4	9	4
Lethbridge	2	—	3	3	11	4
Dee Why	—	1	5	3	11	1
Queens Park	—	1	5	4	29	1

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Nth. Ryde	4	2	—	11	7	10
Bondi	3	3	—	13	6	9
Liv. Albions	3	1	—	8	5	7
Bonnyrigg	3	—	3	11	8	6
Hurstville	3	—	2	8	7	6
Sydney Uni.	2	2	1	5	4	6
Kingsford	2	1	2	9	11	5
Artarmon	1	2	2	9	8	4
Riverstone	1	2	2	6	7	4
Wenty	1	1	4	7	13	3
West Ryde	1	—	4	9	14	2
Pt. Hacking	1	—	5	6	12	2

GRADE 2

Bondi	4	2	—	12	3	10
Kingsford	4	1	—	18	5	9
Liv. Albions	4	—	—	14	2	8
Artarmon	3	1	1	18	13	7
Nth. Ryde	3	1	2	15	9	7
Bonnyrigg	2	1	3	18	11	5
Wenty	1	3	2	7	7	5
Syd. Uni.	2	—	3	11	8	4
Pt. Hacking	1	2	3	7	9	4
West Ryde	1	1	3	5	20	3
Riverstone	1	—	4	6	14	2
Hurstville	—	—	5	5	31	—

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Eastwood	4	—	1	16	9	8
Eastern Creek	4	—	—	11	4	8
Paddington	3	2	1	9	6	8
Fairfield Kiev	3	1	1	10	3	7
Padstow	3	—	2	15	6	6
Ryde Dist.	2	—	2	9	10	4
West Holroyd	1	2	3	10	14	4
Canley Hts.	1	1	4	10	14	3
Maroubra	1	1	4	11	19	3
Chelsea	1	1	3	2	12	3
Revesby	—	2	2	4	10	2

GRADE 2

Padstow	4	1	—	16	5	9
Eastwood	3	1	1	11	5	7
Paddington	2	3	1	8	8	7
Eastern Creek	2	2	—	6	2	6
Canley Hts.	3	—	3	13	7	6
Fairfield Kiev	1	4	—	10	8	6
West Holroyd	2	2	2	7	6	6
Revesby	2	1	1	15	8	5
Ryde Dist.	1	1	2	6	10	3
Chelsea	—	1	4	4	18	1
Maroubra	—	—	6	3	23	—

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Concordia	4	2	—	15	4	10
Fairfield West	3	3	—	11	2	9
Edensor	3	2	1	14	6	8
Camden	3	1	2	15	12	7
W. St. George	2	3	1	9	7	7
Macquarie Uni	3	—	2	15	7	6
Maccabi	2	2	3	12	14	6
Nth. Rocks	2	1	3	10	10	5
Winston Hills	2	1	2	10	11	5
Haberfield	2	—	3	5	12	4
Pagewood	—	2	4	5	17	2
Auburn	—	1	5	6	23	1

GRADE 2

Fairfield West	6	—	—	21	4	12
Winston Hills	5	—	—	24	4	10
Camden	4	2	—	16	4	10
W. St. George	5	—	1	19	8	10
Macquarie	3	2	—	16	10	8
Pagewood	2	1	3	10	16	5
Maccabi	2	1	4	7	14	5
Concordia	2	—	4	9	14	4
Nth. Rocks	1	1	4	9	13	3
Edensor	1	—	5	14	19	2
Haberfield	—	1	4	3	17	1
Auburn	—	—	6	1	26	—

DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Moorebank	5	1	—	19	5	11
Hawkesbury	3	2	—	11	2	8
Glenquarie	3	1	2	18	8	7
Liverpool City	3	1	1	11	4	7
Liverpool Utd.	3	1	2	9	6	7
Chullora	2	2	1	14	5	6
Liv. Rang.	2	1	2	5	6	5
Blacktown	2	1	2	8	9	5
Green Valley	1	2	2	8	6	4
Bankstown Sp.	1	3	—	6	19	3
Mt. Pritchard	—	1	5	5	19	1
Sth. Sydney	—	—	5	2	28	—

GRADE 2

Moorebank	6	—	—	28	1	12
Glenquarrie	5	—	1	22	8	10
Liverpool City	4	—	1	19	5	8
Hawkesbury	4	—	1	16	2	8
Blacktown	2	1	2	5	12	5
Chullora	2	—	3	9	8	4
Green Valley	2	—	3	9	10	4
Liverpool Utd.	2	—	4	10	16	4
Bankstown Sp.	2	—	3	4	21	4
Liverpool Ran.	1	1	3	5	7	3
Mt. Pritchard	1	—	5	7	20	2
Sth. Sydney	—	—	5	5	29	—

NSW STATE LEAGUE

SCOTS, EAGLES LIKELY TO WIN

— By Paul James —

Although last week's big win by Croatia was 'only' against Parramatta, it has caused several of the leading clubs to start looking behind them at the threat of a Croatia revival.

In fact, several clubs predicted weeks ago that Croatia's slump would not continue and the champions would soon be back amongst the top challengers.

It seems that this prophesy is coming true.

They now have eight points and are playing like the Croatia we all know.

This week there will be only two games, both on Saturday.

Arncliffe, whose form has varied from week to week, have been greatly boosted by John Doyle's addition to the back line.

Their side is truly formidable now, and there doesn't seem any reason why they should not keep winning.

Inter Monaro's striking problem has not eased in recent weeks and likeable coach Frank Maccarone has a big problem on his hands this year.

We tip the Scots 2-0.

Melita's game against Auburn will be a vitally important clash for both sides.

Two teams committed to attack while loaded with talent and experience all adds up to an exciting game.

But we feel the extra confidence of Melita and the williness of coach Attl Abonyi will give them the edge.

We tip Melita 2-1.

OLYMPIC v NORTH SYDNEY 4-1 (1-1)

Olympic took an early lead when a defensive blunder by North Sydney let Derek Laing in for an easy goal.

Three minutes later North Sydney were on level terms when Bob Youssef worked his way through the home defence to easily beat the goalkeeper.

It took Olympic a further 54 minutes before they could reassert their superiority.

North Sydney fought like tigers but in the 61st minute Laing sent a perfect ball to Mick Cross who scored.

In the 71st minute Olympic's second substitute, Peter Hensman, who had only been on the field one minute, slotted a corner kick by Houssein Housseini past the goalkeeper.

Once again Olympic were best served in midfield by Housseini and Laing while Youssef did an equally good job for North Sydney, particularly in the first half.

OLYMPIC: Wilson 3, Ankudinoff 4, Palmer 3, McPherson 3, Rowden 3, Cross 4, Laing 5, Zeros 2 (Hensman 70m), Scott 3, Eaton 2 (Jennings 46m), Housseini 5.

NORTH SYDNEY: Tilsed 3, Walker 3, O'Rourke 3, Miller 3, J. Bottalico 3, Leyden 4, Youssef 4, Porter 3, A. Bottalico 3, Dale 3, Mitchell 3.

Goals: 1-0 Laing (4m), 1-1 Youssef (7m), 2-1 Cross (61m), 3-1 Hensman (71m), 4-1 Ankudinoff (74m).

Referee: G. Warne; **crowd:** 2054.

— E. De Mesquita

CROATIA v PARRAMATTA 6-0 (2-0)

Playing with some of their old zest and flair Croatia took the lead after six minutes when Wally Savor charged down an attempted clearance. The ball ran kindly for him, and he followed through to blast it home from close range.

Parramatta battled hard but could make little progress against the rock-like Croatia defence with Tony Basic and Bruno Cagalj showing a welcome return to form.

Switching the ball wide and changing the point of attack, Croatia were able to open gaps in the Parramatta defence.

It was no surprise when Savor's flighted cross found Zdenko Kafka in the clear right in front and the skilful striker made no mistake for the first of his three goals.

Opening the second half with some fast pace soccer, Croatia completely demoralized their opponents with their attacking play.

Bobby Pegano scored a typical winger's goal when he sprinted from near half-way, shook off two defenders with a neat swerve and beat the 'keeper with an angled shot.

Branco Culina again exposed the Parramatta defence when he dribbled past three defenders before rounding the hapless 'keeper and scored into an empty net.

The last two goals came from the boot of Kalka, the first when he bent a freekick around the defenders and the second when he volleyed a cross from Marijan Kovacic for a classic goal right on full-time.

CROATIA: Terziovski 4, A. Kovacic 4, Vidlac 4, Basic 4, Cagalj 4, Culina 4, Coleman 4, Savor 4 (Sullivan 72m), M. Kovacic 4, Kafka 5, Pagano 4.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 3, Jordan 2, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, Bates 3, Forwood 3, Hearne 2 (Nitya 60m), Fisher 2, Mitchell 3, Stephenson 3, Waldon 3.

Goals: 1-0 Savor (6m), 2-0 Kafka (34m), 3-0 Pagano (55m), 4-0 Culina (70m), 5-0 Kafka (76m), 6-0 Kafka (89m).

Referee: B. Fowler; **crowd:** 3830.

— A. Henderson

AVALA v CANTERBURY 0-1 (0-0)

Canterbury-Marrickville snatched victory with only seven minutes remaining and secured two welcome points with this win.

The game lacked football skills but thanks to good goalkeeping at both ends the score was kept to the solitary goal.

Canterbury goalkeeper Alex McPherson made good saves from Eddie Patterson and Steve Deller but his fingertip save from Gary Milne in the 55th minute was a gem.

Canterbury's Ron Griffiths cleared off his goal-line in the 70th minute from Zoran Durisic with the 'keeper beaten.

When a draw seemed likely Canterbury scored a shock goal in the 83rd minute.

Joe Ramisch sent in a corner from the right and winger Craig Hall slammed the ball home from six metres.

Canterbury almost had another goal two minutes later when Neil Williams hit the crossbar with a rocket shot.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Bateman 2, Deller 3, Barton 4, R. Griffiths 3, Rodic 3 (Pilovski 53m), Djurisic 4, Kodor 3, Tilt 3, Patterson 4 (Murphy 74m), Milne 3.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 5, G. Brown 3 (Sheldrick 70m), Kable 4, Penman 3, Thompson 4, Basterfield 3, R. Brown 2 (Thamnides 80m), Williams 4, Hall 3, Byles 3, Ramisch 3.

Goal: 0-1 Hall (83m).

Referee: H. Witschge; **crowd:** 1382; **cautions:** Thompson, Penman.

— G. Streeter

MELITA v MANLY 3-0 (0-0)

Melita "switched on" only for 20 minutes but it was enough to crush Manly who continue to sink deeper into relegation trouble.

In a dull and uninspiring game, both teams toyed up with the ball aimlessly in the first half, and the Eagles were just as bad as Manly despite a glut of possession.

Then, the only busy player on the field, Brian Parker, dived low to score a spectacular goal.

This seemed to give the game a new lease of life and Melita took command to steamroll Manly and score a comfortable victory.

Manly had chances to exploit the lucklustre Eagles in the first half but despite some good work by Doyle and Roozendaal in midfield, the attack never got close to have one serious shot at goal.

Once the Eagles started firing the Manly defence offered little resistance.

In fact any confidence they gained from holding Melita for so long was quickly lost as panic developed after the first goal.

Players to come out with their reputation intact in this game were Brian Parker and Terry Jones who kept up the pace and striker Don Allan who injected much needed spark when he came as a replacement midway through the second half.

MELITA: Greedy 4, Berry 3, McDonald 4, Darvill 3, Mikas 3, Juchniewicz 4, Parker 5, Farrugia 4, Williams 3 (Allan 72m), Stoddart 3, Jones 4.

MANLY: Dower 4, Wilson 3, Doyle 3, Riley 3, Townsend 3, Dick 3 (Burchett 72m), Roozendaal 4, Jack 3, Firrell 2, Vale 2, Stuart 2.

Goals: 1-0 Parker (70m), 2-0 Farrugia (81m), 3-0 Allan (89m).

Referee: G. Power; **crowd:** 1675.

— C. Spiteri

Last week

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Syd. Oly. v Nth. Syd.	4-1	3-1	2-1
Avala v Cant. M'Ville	0-1	0-2	0-7
Croatia v P'Matta City	6-0	—	—
Melita v Manly	3-0	1-0	1-0

DIVISION 1

Warringah v Bathurst	1-3	4-1	5-0

DIVISION 2

Dee Why v M'Ville	0-0	1-1	1-3
Guildford v Glad-Hnsby	2-1	5-0	1-1
Queens Pk v C'town	0-0	1-2	1-5

DIVISION 3

Bondi v Bonnyrigg	3-1	3-1
Nth. Ryde v Kingsford	4-3	1-4
Wenty v Pt. Hacking	0-3	1-1

DIVISION 4

Maroubra v Fairfield	0-3	2-5
Paddington v Chelsea	0-0	3-0
W. Holroyd v Can. Hts.	2-2	2-1

DIVISION 5

Syd. Maccabi v Camden	2-4	0-3
A'burn Jn. v Edensor P.	2-2	0-6
Pagewood v Concordia	0-3	2-1
F'fld W. v W. St. Geo.	1-1	4-1

DIVISION 6

L'pool U. v Mt. Pritchard	3-2	3-1
Mooreb'k v Glenquarrie	3-0	3-1

All other games posponed because of wet grounds.

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THIS WEEK

MAY 17-18

A'CLIFFE SCTS	V	INT. MONARO	SAT., HURSTVILLE O.
AUBURN	V	MELITA EAG.	SAT., MONA PARK
Marconi	v	Revesby Work.	Sat., Marconi Reserve
Polonia	v	St. George	Sat., Chopin Park
Penrith United	v	Belmore	Sat., Cook Park
Sydney City	v	Blacktown U.	Sat., E.S. Marks Field
Blacktown C.	v	Wollongong	Sat., Gabbie Stadium
Leichhardt	v	Uni. of N.S.W.	Sat., Lambert Park
S.S.C. Yugal	v	Warringah	Sat., Blick Oval
BYE:	v	Bathurst '75	

NEXT WEEK

MAY 24-25

INT. MONARO	V	AUBURN	SUN., MARCO POLO
SYD. OLYMPIC	V	A'CLIFFE SC.	SAT., PRATTEN PARK
AVALA	V	KU-RING-GAI	SUN., KNIGHT PARK
SUTH. SHIRE	V	NTH. SYD. INT.	SUN., SEYMOUR SHAW
CROATIA SYD.	V	CANT-M'VILLE	SUN., K. TOMISLAV P.
MAN. WARRIN	V	BKSTOWN D.	SUN., CROMER PARK
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WORLD NEWS

Milan stars spoilt — says coach Giacomini

AC Milan coach Massimo Giacomini, bitter about the current Pools scandal — though not personally involved — last week blasted some of his stars.

In Milan's "Gazetto dello Sport" Giacomini said:

"For all away games, the players take four training suits, two for work-out, two for leisure.

"For all their keenness to train, they may as well take only the two lounge-about outfits.

"The more the players have the more they want.

"Not long ago a jeweller, a supporter of the club, invited the whole team to his shop and presented all players with a gold watch.

"Then in the evening he had to go back and open his shop again because two players who had missed the visit demanded their watches.

"Some of the players are undisciplined. International star Morini has lunch every day at 1.30 pm even though he knows that at 2.30 we have training.

"Captain Bigon never stops inventing injury-excuses to skip training.

"And when I criticise him, he runs to technical director Rivera complaining about me.

"And how ruined they all are . . . Here in Milan we have some 100 employees whose only job is to look after the players.

"Even their boots are cleaned for them and carried to the dressing room.

"Recently I saw the Dutch Ruud Krol at training, one of the best players in the world.

"At 9.30 am he began a 90-minute run, then had a brief spell, ate a breadroll and drank some milk, then had another 90-minute run without one stop.

"Then he drove home, with all his training gear in the car; he must wash everything at home.

"In AC Milan the players always find an excuse for halting the training session.

"The balls are too soft or too hard or they pretend they cannot understand some exercises.

"That's AC Milan for you. That's the damned mentality of the club leaders which is completely ruining Italian soccer."

AC Milan star Gianni Rivera (left), now the club's caretaker president and club boss Felice Colombo who is reportedly heavily involved in the currently investigated match-fixing scandal.

England comes with star-studded side

England manager Ron Greenwood has announced his squad for the May 31 international in Sydney — one week earlier than promised.

Nine of the players have already appeared for England in full internationals.

Some may get a game in the match against world champions Argentina on Tuesday (Wednesday morning Sydney time) at Wembley: Hoddle and Devonshire stand the best chance.

The England squad is very strong even if, as widely predicted by most newspapers, it doesn't include that country's current top stars who will be going to Italy for the European Championships.

THAT team will be England's strongest while the one in Australia will be the next best — even if it's called an "A" side.

Still, probably there is no other country in the world that has such incredible depth in talent and can afford to send a team to Australia which is perhaps only a shade below the one that goes to Rome.

The elegant Leeds playmaker Brian Greenhoff, the brilliant Liverpool fullback Alan Kennedy, the young Tottenham midfield sensation Glen Hoddle, the new West Ham star Alan Devonshire, the sharp goalgetting Arsenal genius Alan Sunderland and the finely honed central striker Paul Mariner of Ipswich could all walk into most national teams in Europe.

So even without Keegan & Co., it's a mighty squad.

There is little doubt that Australian press criticism over the last few weeks has induced The Football Association to send a very good team instead of what they had probably planned originally — just another FA side of volunteers.

It's also likely that England will arrive with the players suitably annoyed over Australian criticism — and determined to prove everybody wrong about their class.

At full pelt, this England team can be devastating.

So let's all say a few silent prayers for the Socceroos . . .

This is the England party, with numbers showing their full international caps:

- **Joe CORRIGAN (Manchester City), 3.**
- **Phil PARKES (West Ham), 1.**
- **Trevor CHERRY (Leeds), 21.**
- **Terry BUTCHER (Ipswich).**
- **Brian GREENHOFF (Leeds), 17.**
- **Alan KENNEDY (Liverpool).**
- **Russell OSMAN (Ipswich).**
- **Alan DEVONSHIRE (West Ham)**
- **David ARMSTRONG (Middlesbrough).**
- **Glen HODDLE (Tottenham Hotspur), 1.**
- **Brian ROBSON (West Bromwich Albion), 1.**
- **Brian TALBOT (Arsenal), 5.**
- **Paul MARINER (Ipswich), 5.**
- **Kevin REEVES (Manchester City), 1.**
- **Alan SUNDERLAND (Arsenal).**
- **Peter WARD (Brighton).**

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

Czechoslovakia beat Hungary 1-0 at Kosice in a friendly international with a goal by Nehoda.

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Franz Beckenbauer says one of the main reasons for his repatriation to Hamburg is that he has never grown to like playing on artificial surfaces in the USA.

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Another Paraguayan star is joining Cosmos: Roberto Cabanas.

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Herbert Prohaska has signed a provisional contract with Inter Milan and his club, FK Austria, is likely to collect about $800,000 for him.

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Rumania's national coach, Constantin Cernaianu and his assistant Victor Stanculescu have been sacked because of the team's poor results. The new bosses are Valentin Stanescu and Mircea Lusescu.

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England Schoolboys beat their West German counterparts 3-0 in Berlin — in front of 70,000 spectators.

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Paolo Rossi, Perugia's brilliant international striker, is under suspension in the Pools scandal and won't be allowed to play for Italy in the European Championship finals.

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Kevin Keegan will play his first match for Southampton on June 23 in Dublin against Shamrock Rovers.

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Liverpool have signed Ian Rush, 18, from third division club Chester.

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Borussia Monchengladbach won the first leg of the UEFA Cup final, beating Eintracht Frankfurt 3-2.

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The Portugese Garrido will be the referee of the Nottingham v Hamburg European Champions' Cup final in Madrid on May 28 while the Czech Christov is in the charge of the Cupwinners' Cup final on May 14.

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Omar Sahnoun, 25, Bordeaux's French international, collapsed at training and died of a sudden heart attack last week.

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West Germany will take only 18 of the permitted 22 players to the European Championship finals. "It was proved in Argentina two years ago that 22 is too many and only caused problems," says manager Jupp Derwall.

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Schalke 04 of Gelsenkirchen, with a debt of over $2 million, is facing the possibility of being excluded from the 1980-81 Bundesliga.

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Former Leeds and England fullback Terry Cooper has become the manager of Bristol Rovers.

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"Real Madrid's Santillana is the best header of the ball I've ever met," says Hamburg defender Nogly.

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Uli Stielike is staying with Real Madrid; the club wants him for three years, the player would prefer to stay for two.

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